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HOLY COW!
HE WHISTLES ...AND IT COMES RUNNIN'!
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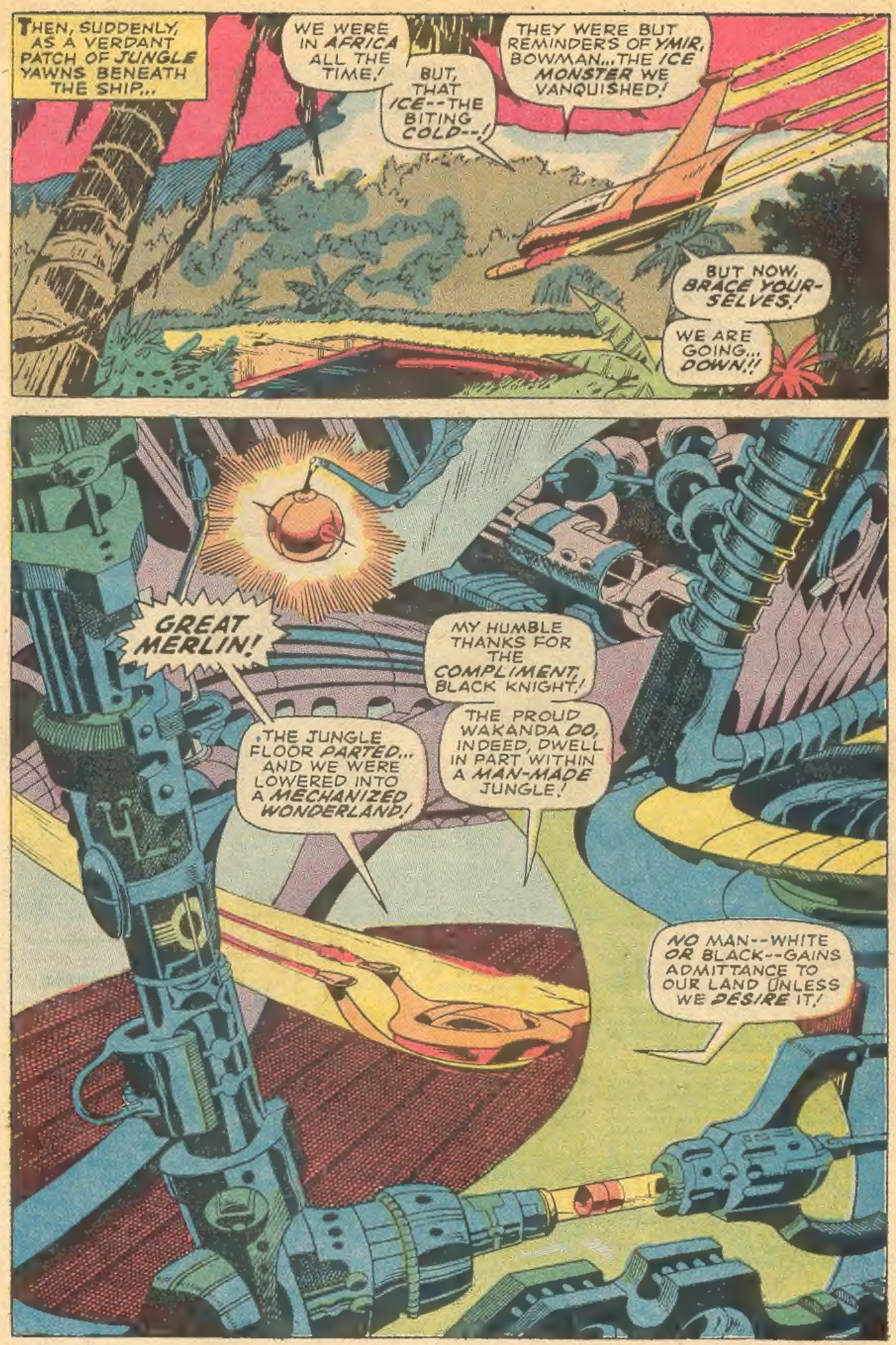
NO HUMAN PILOT, AVENGER...
BUT AUTOMATIC CONTROLS ...SET WHEN I LEFT MY JUNGLE KINGDOM, MONTHS AGO...
...AND ACTIVATED BY MINIATURE DEVICES INSIDE MY BELT BUCKLE!
AND NOW, IF THE THREE OF YOU WILL BE MY ROYAL GUESTS...!
YA TALKED US INTO IT, PANTHER!
THE ENTRANCE-HATCH IS EVEN LARGE ENOUGH FOR WINGED ARAGORN!
THERE'S A SIDE TO THE BLACK PANTHER I'D NEVER EVEN SUSPECTED!
WE'RE ALL A BIT IN THE DARK ABOUT OL' T'CHALLA, PAL!
WELL, WHO KNOWS?
MAYBE THIS IS THE DAY WE LEARN ALL ABOUT OUR AFRICAN AVENGER!
...ALL AVENGERS MUST RESPECT THEIR FELLOWS' RIGHT TO PRIVACY, PANTHER!
STILL, WE MUST KNOW WHERE YOU'RE TAKING US!
THE LATITUDE AND LONGI-TUDE MUST REMAIN MY SECRET, VISION!
BUT, WE ARE BOUND FOR-- THE LAND OF THE WAKANDAS!


THEN, SUDDENLY, AS A VERDANT PATCH OF JUNGLE YAWNS BENEATH THE SHIP...
WE WERE IN AFRICA ALL THE TIME!
BUT, THAT ICE--THE BITING COLD--!
THEY WERE BUT REMINDERS OF YMIR, BOWMAN...THE ICE MONSTER WE VANQUISHED!
BUT NOW, BRACE YOURSELVES!
WE ARE GOING... DOWN!!
GREAT MERLIN!
THE JUNGLE FLOOR PARTED... AND WE WERE LOWERED INTO A MECHANIZED WONDERLAND!
MY HUMBLE THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, BLACK KNIGHT!
THE PROUD WAKANDA DO, INDEED, DWELL IN PART WITHIN A MAN-MADE JUNGLE!
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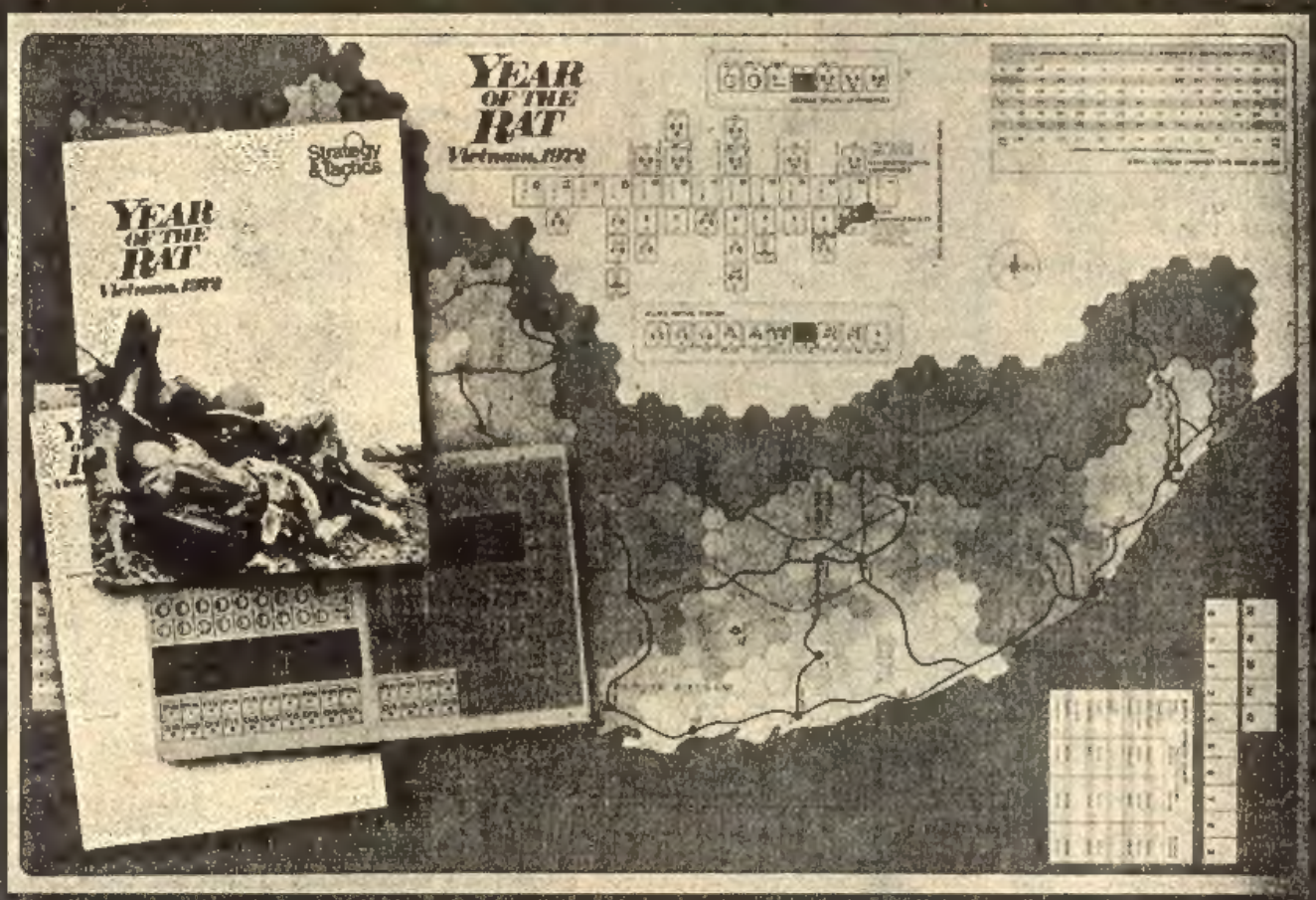

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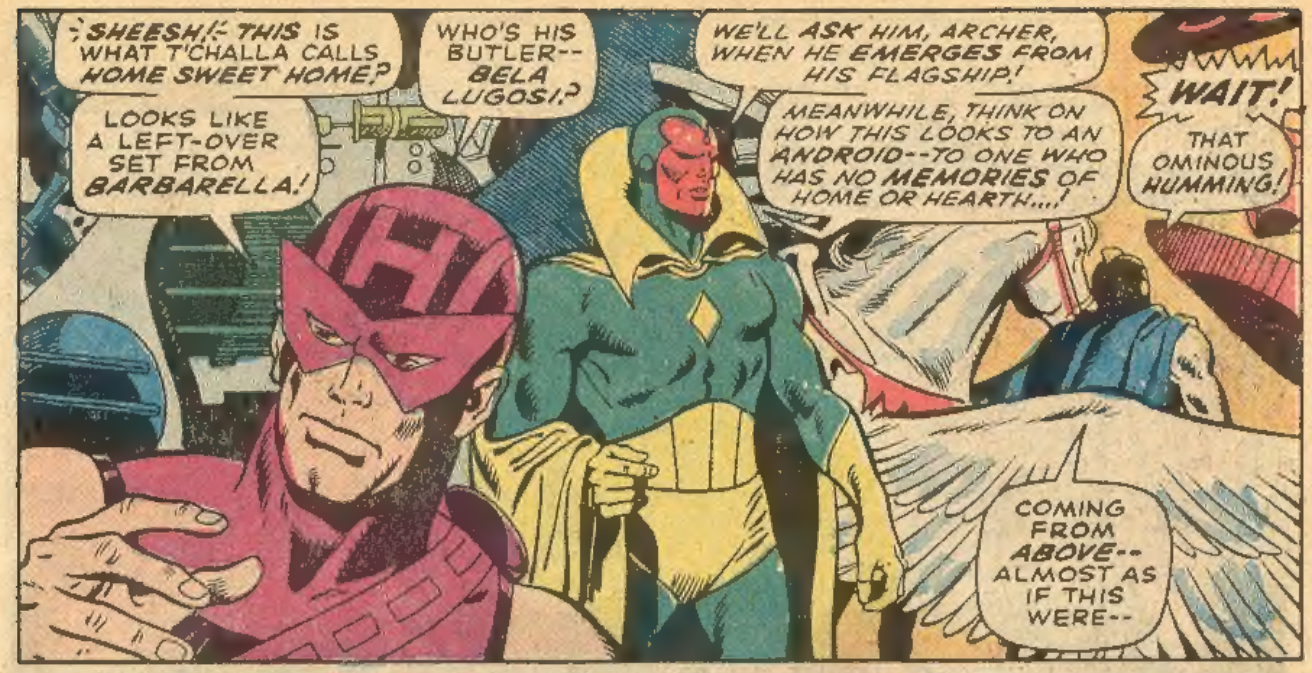
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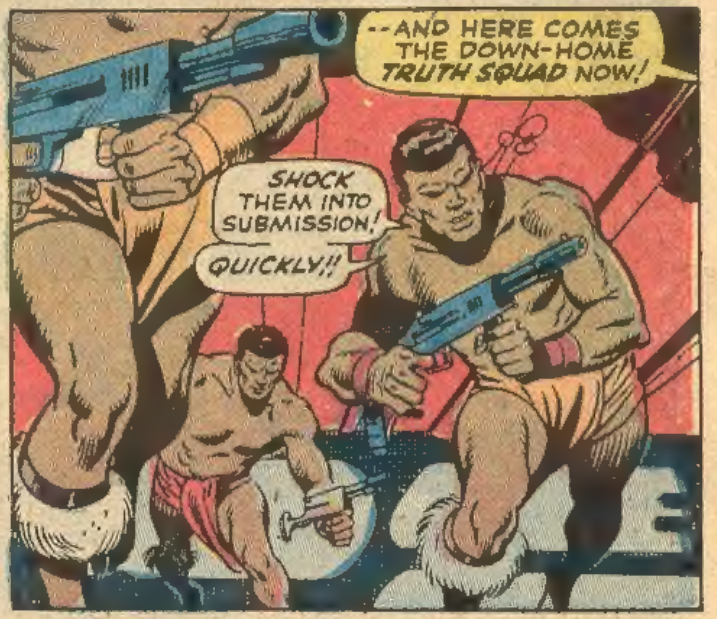
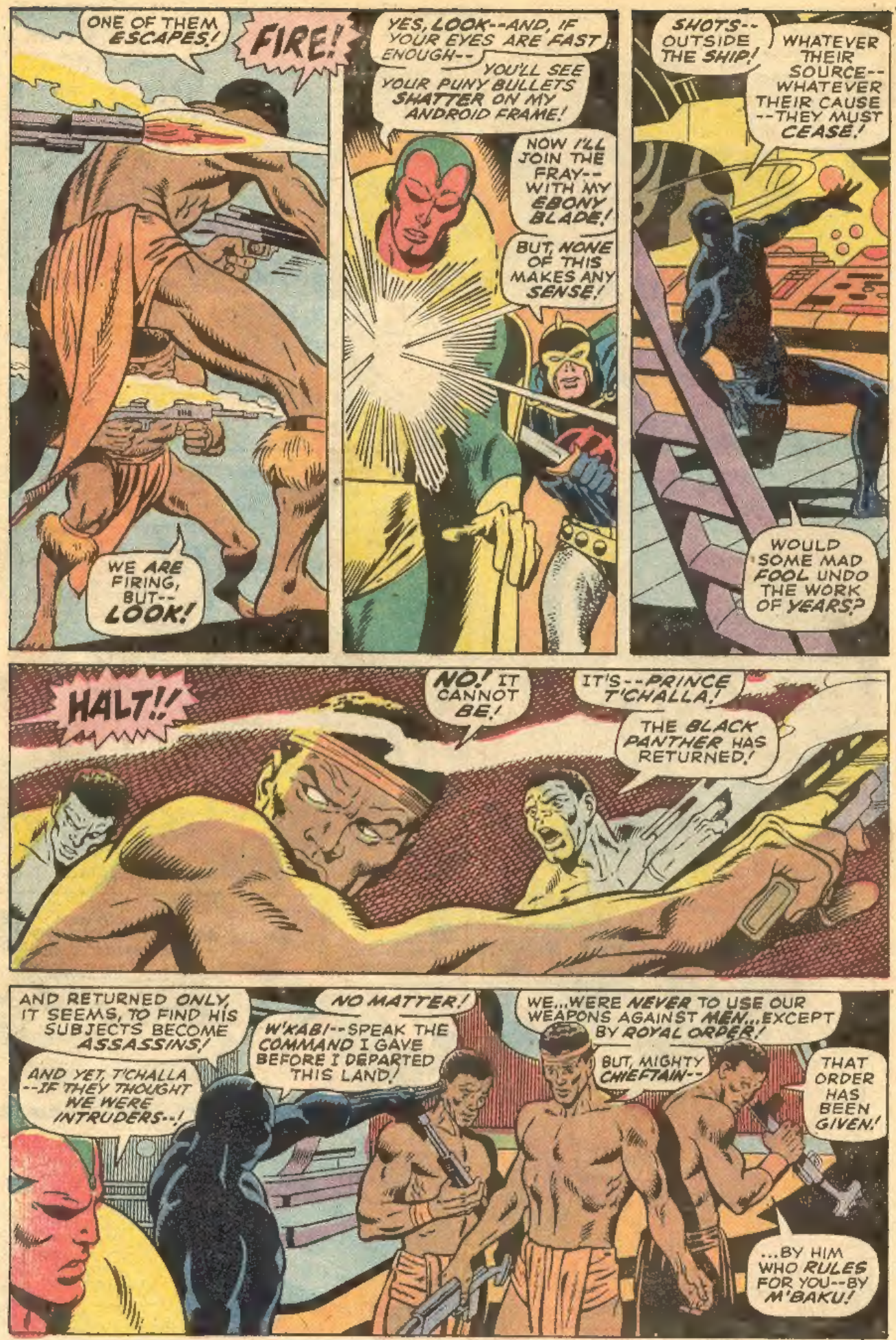
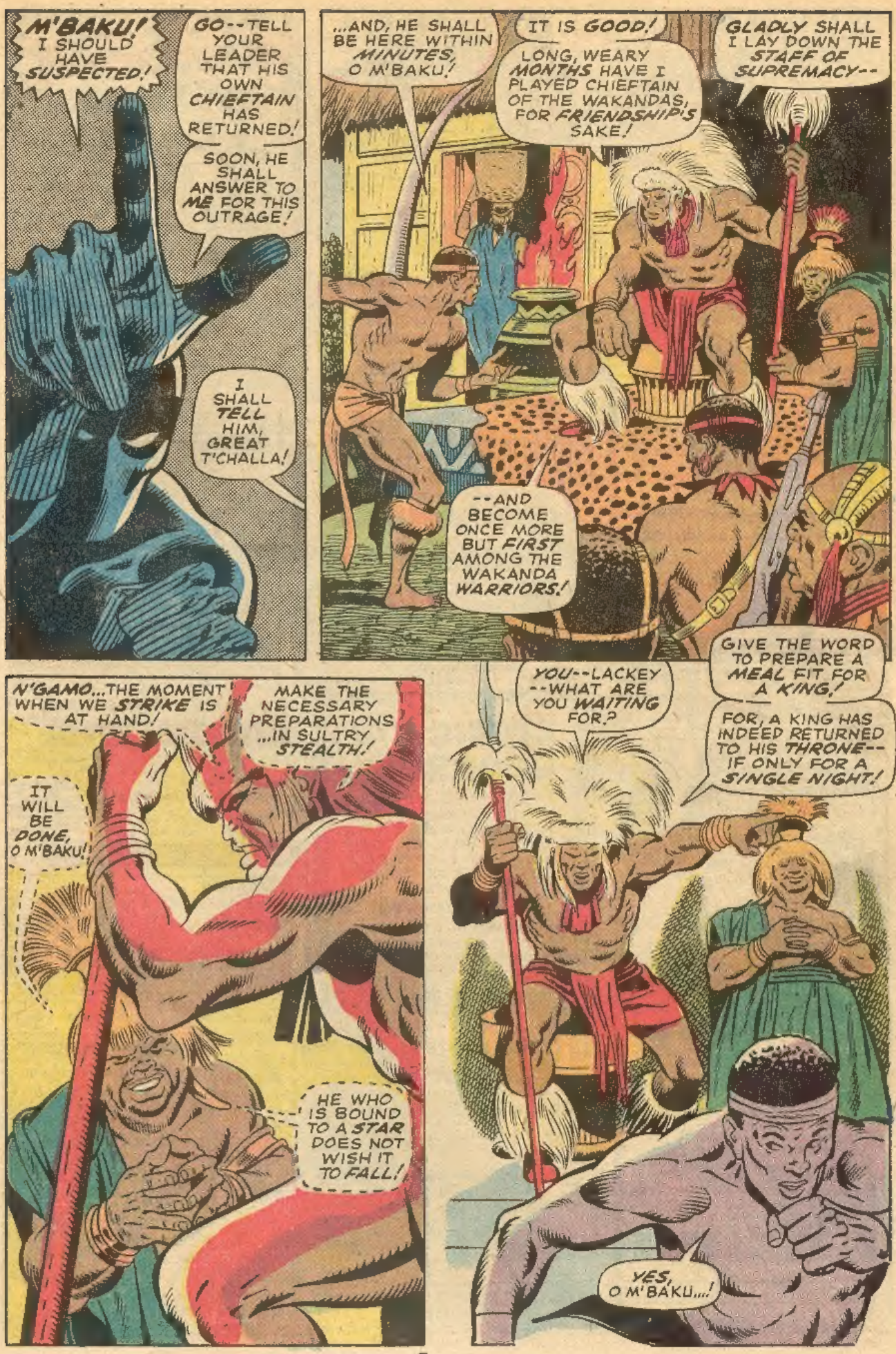
WHO'S HIS BUTLER-- BELA LUGOS!?
LOOKS LIKE A LEFT-OVER SET FROM BARBARELLA!
WE'LL ASK HIM, ARCHER, WHEN HE EMERGES FROM HIS FLAGSHIP!
MEANWHILE, THINK ON HOW THIS LOOKS TO AN ANDROID--TO ONE WHO HAS NO MEMORIES OF HOME OR HEARTH....!
WAIT!
THAT OMINOUS HUMMING!
COMING FROM ABOVE-- ALMOST AS IF THIS WERE--

A TRAP!!
BUT--WE'RE THE GUESTS OF THE BLACK PANTHER!
WHO WOULD DARE--?!?
I HAVE A QUESTION FROM THE BALCONY, DOCTOR--
SLAM!


--AND HERE COMES THE DOWN-HOME TRUTH SQUAD NOW!
SHOCK THEM INTO SUBMISSION!
QUICKLY!!

NO WALL OF MERE PLEXI-GLASS CAN HOLD--THE VISION!
FOR, I CAN EITHER REDUCE MY MOLECULAR DENSITY --AND WALK THRU IT--
OR, AS NOW-- I CAN SMASH IT WITH A FIST AS HARD AS DIAMOND!


ONE OF THEM ESCAPES!
FIRE!
WE ARE FIRING, BUT-- LOOK!
YES, LOOK--AND, IF YOUR EYES ARE FAST ENOUGH--
YOU'LL SEE YOUR PUNY BULLETS SHATTER ON MY ANDROID FRAME!
NOW I'LL JOIN THE FRAY-- WITH MY EBONY BLADE!
BUT, NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY SENSE!
SHOTS-- OUTSIDE THE SHIP!
WHATEVER THEIR SOURCE-- WHATEVER THEIR CAUSE --THEY MUST CEASE!
WOULD SOME MAD FOOL UNDO THE WORK OF YEARS?
HALT!!
NO! IT CANNOT BE!
IT'S--PRINCE T'CHALLA!
THE BLACK PANTHER HAS RETURNED!
AND RETURNED ONLY, IT SEEMS, TO FIND HIS SUBJECTS BECOME ASSASSINS!
AND YET, T'CHALLA --IF THEY THOUGHT WE WERE INTRUDERS--!
NO MATTER!
W'KABI--SPEAK THE COMMAND I GAVE BEFORE I DEPARTED THIS LAND!
WE...WERE NEVER TO USE OUR WEAPONS AGAINST MEN...EXCEPT BY ROYAL ORDER!
BUT, MIGHTY CHIEFTAIN--
THAT ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN!
...BY HIM WHO RULES FOR YOU--BY M'BAKU!


M'BAKU! I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED!
GO--TELL YOUR LEADER THAT HIS OWN CHIEFTAIN HAS RETURNED!
SOON, HE SHALL ANSWER TO ME FOR THIS OUTRAGE!
I SHALL TELL HIM, GREAT T'CHALLA!
...AND, HE SHALL BE HERE WITHIN MINUTES, O M'BAKU!
IT IS GOOD!
LONG, WEARY MONTHS HAVE I PLAYED CHIEFTAIN OF THE WAKANDAS, FOR FRIENDSHIP'S SAKE!
GLADLY SHALL I LAY DOWN THE STAFF OF SUPREMACY--
--AND BECOME ONCE MORE BUT FIRST AMONG THE WAKANDA WARRIORS!
N'GAMO...THE MOMENT WHEN WE STRIKE IS AT HAND!
MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS ...IN SULTRY STEALTH!
IT WILL BE DONE, O M'BAKU!
HE WHO IS BOUND TO A STAR DOES NOT WISH IT TO FALL!
YOU--LACKEY --WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
GIVE THE WORD TO PREPARE A MEAL FIT FOR A KING!
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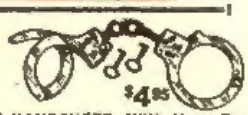

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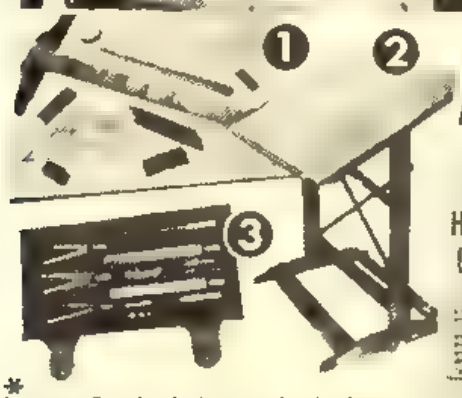

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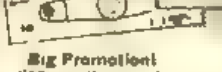

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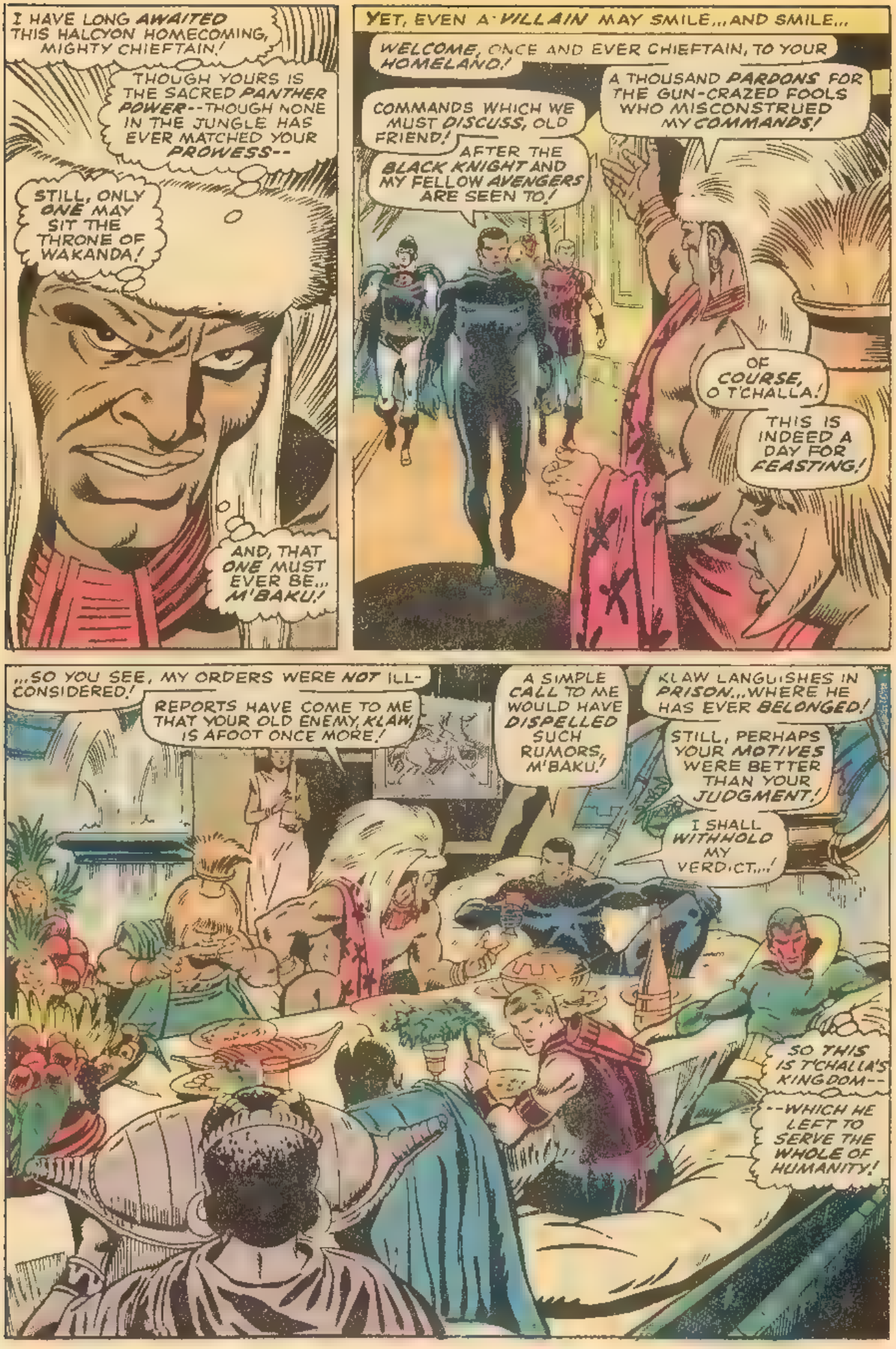
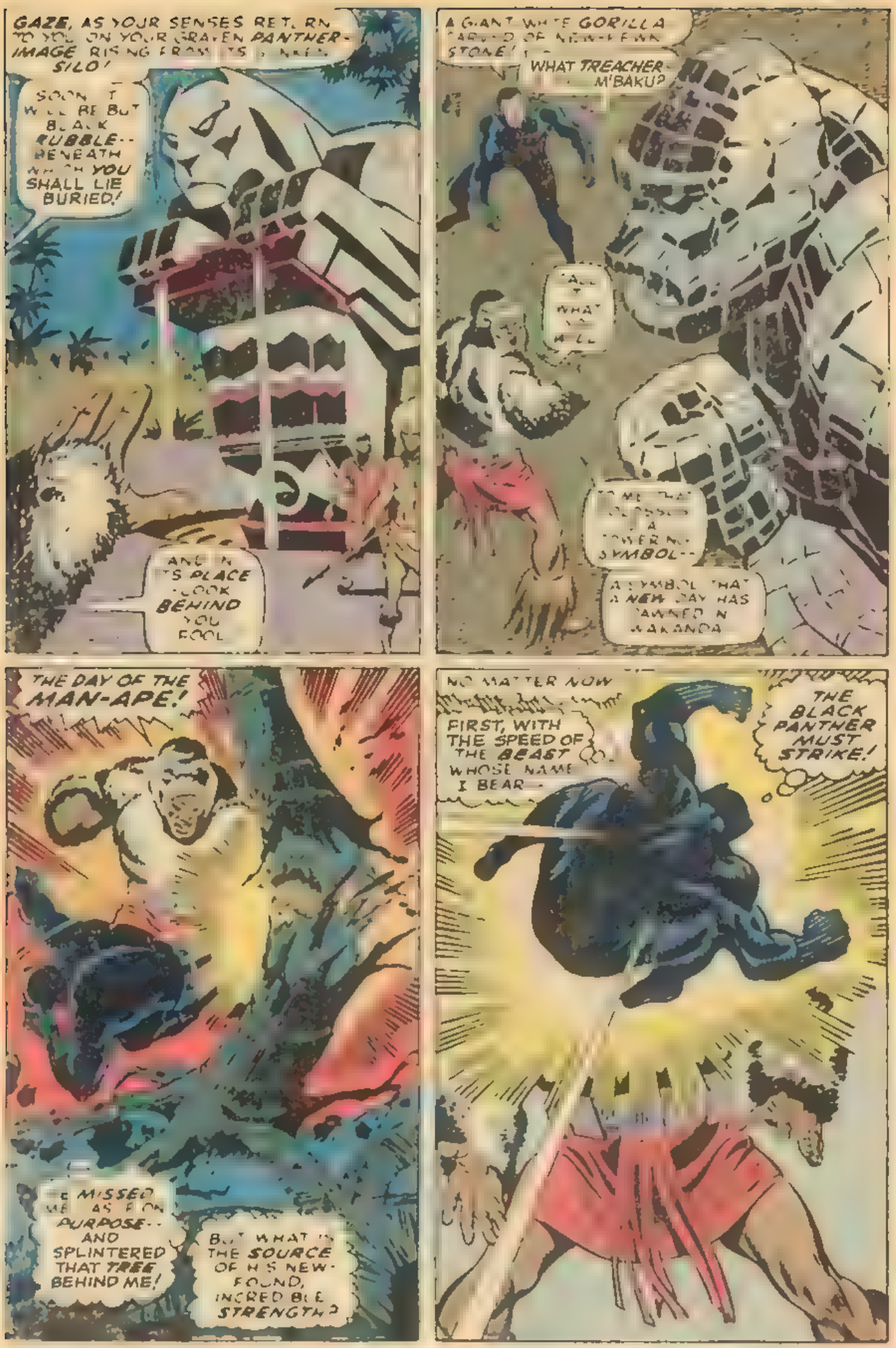

I HAVE LONG AWAITED THIS HALCYON HOMECOMING, MIGHTY CHIEFTAIN!
THOUGH YOURS IS THE SACRED PANTHER POWER--THOUGH NONE IN THE JUNGLE HAS EVER MATCHED YOUR PROWESS--
STILL, ONLY ONE MAY SIT THE THRONE OF WAKANDA!
AND, THAT ONE MUST EVER BE... M'BAKU!
YET, EVEN A VILLAIN MAY SMILE... AND SMILE...
WELCOME, ONCE AND EVER CHIEFTAIN, TO YOUR HOMELAND!
A THOUSAND PARDONS FOR THE GUN-CRAZED FOOLS WHO MISCONSTRUED MY COMMANDS!
COMMANDS WHICH WE MUST DISCUSS, OLD FRIEND!
AFTER THE BLACK KNIGHT AND MY FELLOW AVENGERS ARE SEEN TO!
OF COURSE, O T'CHALLA!
THIS IS INDEED A DAY FOR FEASTING!
...SO YOU SEE, MY ORDERS WERE NOT ILL-CONSIDERED!
REPORTS HAVE COME TO ME THAT YOUR OLD ENEMY, KLAW, IS AFOOT ONCE MORE!
A SIMPLE CALL TO ME WOULD HAVE DISPELLED SUCH RUMORS, M'BAKU!
KLAW LANGUISHES IN PRISON... WHERE HE HAS EVER BELONGED!
STILL, PERHAPS YOUR MOTIVES WERE BETTER THAN YOUR JUDGMENT!
I SHALL WITHHOLD MY VERDICT...!
SO THIS IS T'CHALLA'S KINGDOM--
--WHICH HE LEFT TO SERVE THE WHOLE OF HUMANITY!

MY HEART WAXES GLAD THAT YOU HAVE NOT MISUNDERSTOOD MY INTENT, GOOD T'CHALLA!
THUS, LET M'BAKU PROPOSE A TOAST!
A TOAST TO THE BLACK PANTHER--AND TO HIS HONORED GUESTS!
I--DRINK YOUR TOAST, M'BAKU.
BUT MY DECISION IS ONLY POST-PONED...!
HOWEVER, AS EVEN THE ANDROID VISION SIPS FROM THE PROFFERED CUPS...
THE WINE DRUGGED! WHAT--??
CAN'T... STAY AWAKE...!
YOU--M'BAKU!
HAH! THE DRUG HAS TAKEN EFFECT!
N'GAMO... MAKE READY NOW THE FINAL PHASE!
YES, MY CHIEF!
WITH INFINITE RELISH!
THIS WAS... YOUR TRAITOROUS DEED...
YOOURS...!
M'BAKU!
WEARING THE FORBIDDEN GUISE OF THE WHITE GORILLA--
--IN OUR LEGENDS, THE MOST SAVAGE... MOST MERCILESS OF BEASTS!
...AWAKEN, DOOMED ONE!
LOOK ON THE SNARLING VISION OF DOOM!!
IT WAS YOU WHO FORBADE SUCH REGALIA, PANTHER--
NOT M'BAKU!
VOICES... SPINNING IN MY TORTURED BRAIN!
AND... FACES... BESTIAL, GROTESQUE MOCKING...!
NOT HE WHO IS CALLED ...THE MAN-APE!


GAZE, AS YOUR SENSES RETURN TO YOU ON YOUR GRAVEN PANTHER-IMAGE RISING FROM ITS NEST SILO!
SOON IT WILL BE BUT BLACK RUBBLE-- BENEATH WHICH YOU SHALL LIE BURIED!
AND IN ITS PLACE LOOK BEHIND YOU FOOL
A GIANT WHITE GORILLA CARVED OF NEW-FOUND STONE!
WHAT TREACHER M'BAKU?
A SYMBOL THAT A NEW DAY HAS DAWNED IN WAKANDA
THE DAY OF THE MAN-APE!
I MISSED ME AS I ON PURPOSE-- AND SPLINTERED THAT TREE BEHIND ME!
BUT WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF HIS NEW-FOUND, INCREDIBLE STRENGTH?
NO MATTER NOW
FIRST, WITH THE SPEED OF THE BEAST WHOSE NAME I BEAR--
THE BLACK PANTHER MUST STRIKE!

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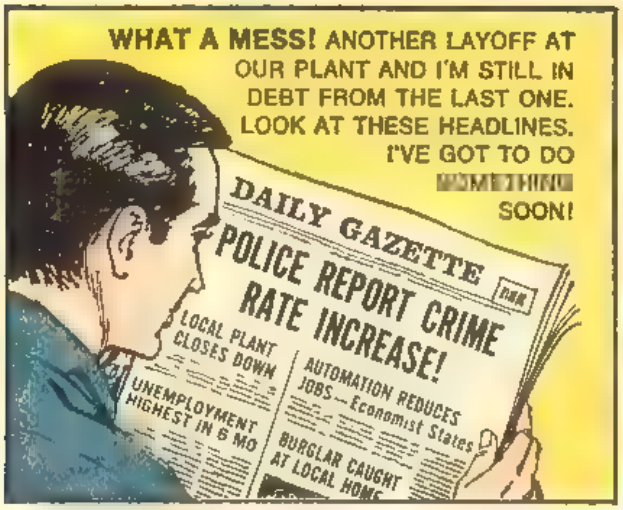
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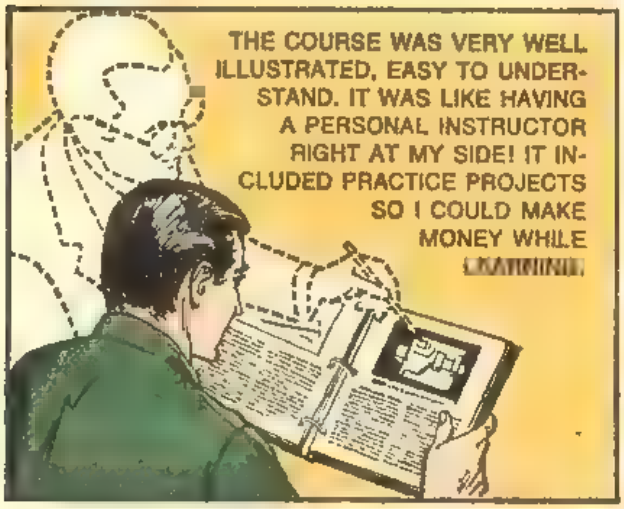
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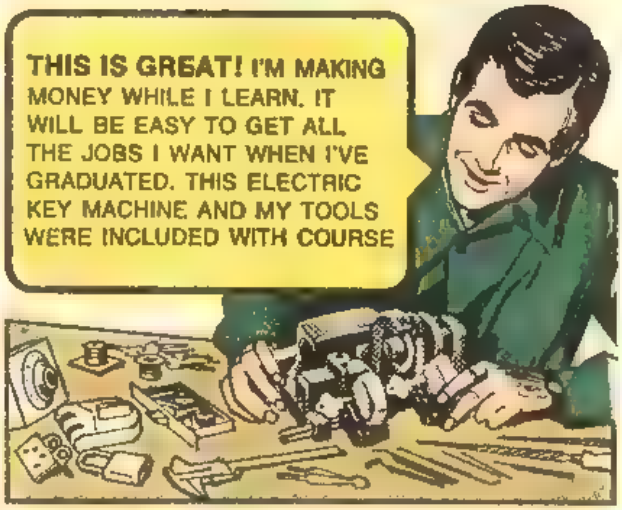
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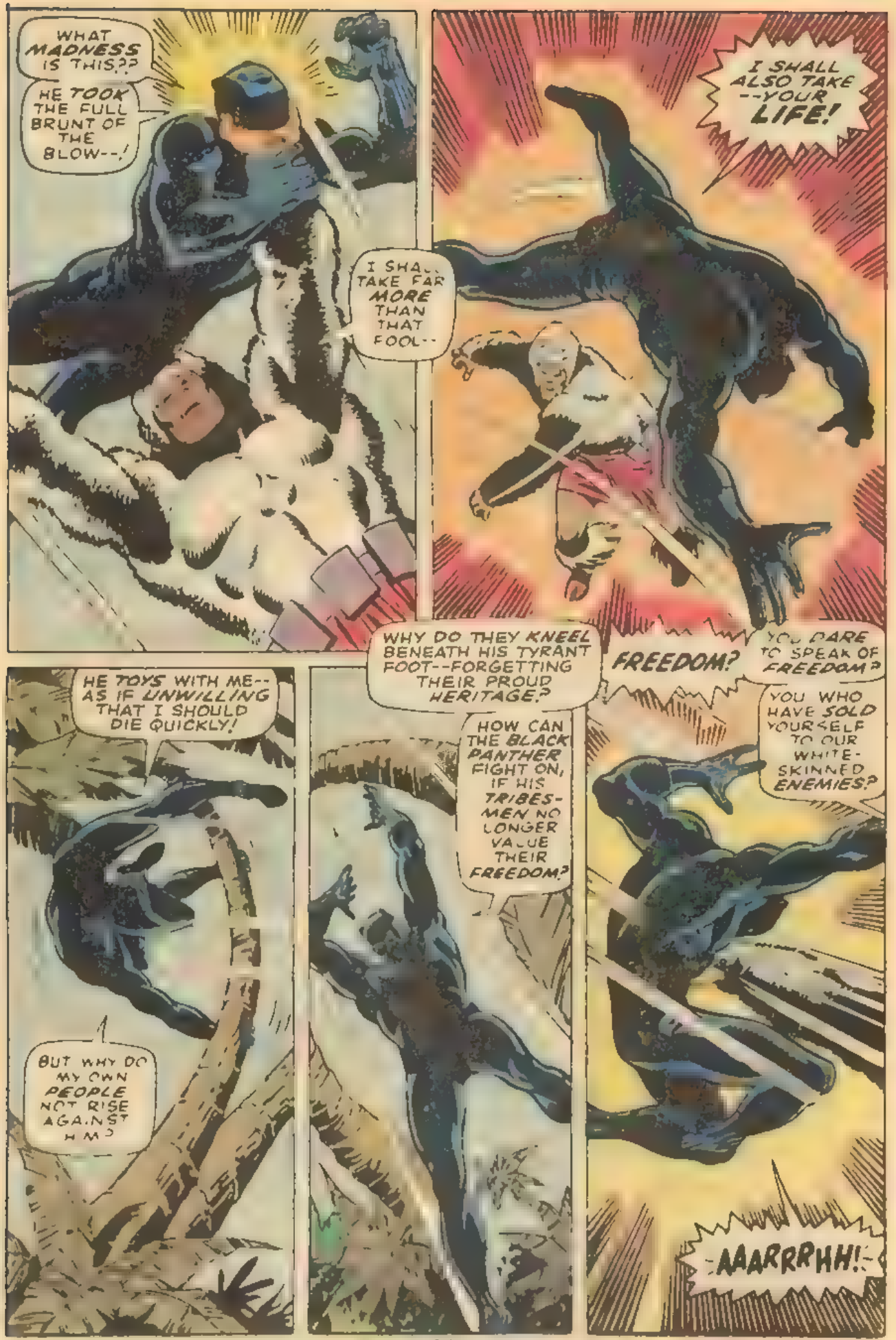
WHAT MADNESS IS THIS??
HE TOOK THE FULL BRUNT OF THE BLOW--!
I SHALL TAKE FAR MORE THAN THAT FOOL--
I SHALL ALSO TAKE --YOUR LIFE!
HE TOYS WITH ME-- AS IF UNWILLING THAT I SHOULD DIE QUICKLY!
BUT WHY DO MY OWN PEOPLE NOT RISE AGAINST HIM?
WHY DO THEY KNEEL BENEATH HIS TYRANT FOOT--FORGETTING THEIR PROUD HERITAGE?
HOW CAN THE BLACK PANTHER FIGHT ON, IF HIS TRIBESMEN NO LONGER VALUE THEIR FREEDOM?
FREEDOM?
YOU DARE TO SPEAK OF FREEDOM?
YOU WHO HAVE SOLD YOURSELF TO OUR WHITE-SKINNED ENEMIES?
AARRRHH!

RISE, O CHIEF!
PROVE THE FALSEHOOD OF M'BAKU'S CLAIMS!
AY--SHOW US THAT YOU ARE NO MAN'S LACKEY--GROWN SOFT FROM YOUR STAYS IN OTHER LANDS!
THEN... THAT IS THE REASON...
THE REASON WHY I MUST FIGHT THIS TRAITOR... ALONE!
SERVILE, WHIMPERING SCUM!
HAS NOT M'BAKU DECREED THAT NONE SHOULD SPEAK TO HIM WHO IS CHALLENGED?
NO-- NO!!
NOW, YOU SHALL SPEAK TO NO ONE--
NOT UNTIL THE BATTLE IS LONG SINCE DECIDED!
SO--I AM CHALLENGED... BY ANCIENT TRIBAL LAW!
THEN, LET THE--
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AND SO IT WOULD HAVE BEEN--BUT FOR MY PANTHER SPEED!
BUT, I CANNOT PROVE MY CAUSE BY MERE FLIGHT!
MUST GAIN TIME TO THINK TO PLOT A STRATEGY!
--THERE--IN THE DARKENED CONTROL CENTER OF MY MAN-MADE JUNGLE!
STOP, M'BAKU!
THINK OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO YOUR FELLOW TRIBESMEN--TO YOURSELF!
WOULD YOU WIPE OUT ALL PROGRESS--TURN THE WAKANDAS BACK DOWN THE ROAD TO SAVAGERY?
AY, PANTHER--
FOR, ONLY IN A PRIMITIVE WORLD IS POWER ITS OWN REWARD!
IT IS USELESS TO TRADE WORDS WITH THAT HUMAN BEHEMOTH!
BUT, AT LEAST I HAVE LED HIM AWAY FROM THE CAPTIVE AVENGERS, AND--
WAIT!
IT IS BEYOND BELIEF! HE SMASHED DOWN THE DOOR WITH ONE BLOW!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL TAKE REFUGE IN A HUT OF STRAW, JACKAL--
--AS NOT THAT MERE METAL COULD SHIELD YOU FROM M'BAKU!

YOUR DEFEAT WAS SCRAWLED IN THE WIND, FOOL!
IF MERE HERBS GAVE YOU THE SKILLS OF THE STALKING PANTHER...
HOW MUCH GREATER IS MY BRUTE STRENGTH-- STRENGTH OBTAINED FROM THE FLESH AND BLOOD OF THE FABLED WHITE GORILLA!!
STEP INTO THE LIGHT-- AND END THIS FARCE!
THUS SHALL IT END, TRAITOR-- WITH YOUR TOTAL DEFEAT-- AND DISGRACE!
AARRGHHH!
HE SPRAWLS STILL AS DEATH ITSELF!
COULD ONE STEALTHY BLOW--STRUCK IN DARKNESS--HAVE DOWNED HIM?
IT WOULD SEEM NOT, AND YET--
HERE HE LIES --SILENT, UNMOVING--
VICTORY, IT WOULD SEEM, IS MINE!
BUT THERE IS NO JOY IN THE FALL OF HIM I ONCE TRUSTED--
--HIM I ONCE CALLED... FRIEND!

BUT, THERE SHALL BE A TIME LATER FOR TEARS OF REMORSE!
FOR NOW, I MUST FREE THE AVENGERS --THEN...
HOLD! THAT NOISE--!
--IS THE SOUND OF YOUR OWN DOOM, FOOL CLATTERING DOWN BEFORE YOU!
AN IRON WALL--
IMPRISONING ME WITHIN THIS ROOM!
M'BAKU PLANNED IT THUS!
THEN WHY--
--DID I FEIGN DEFEAT?
I COULD NOT RISK YOUR ESCAPING -INTO THE JUNGLE BLACKNESS!
HE TURNED ON THE LIGHTS!
MY POWER IS HALVED, WITHOUT THE DARKNESS IN WHICH I THRIVE!
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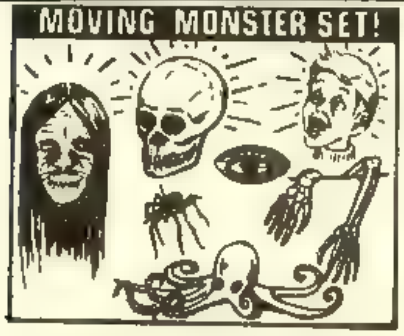

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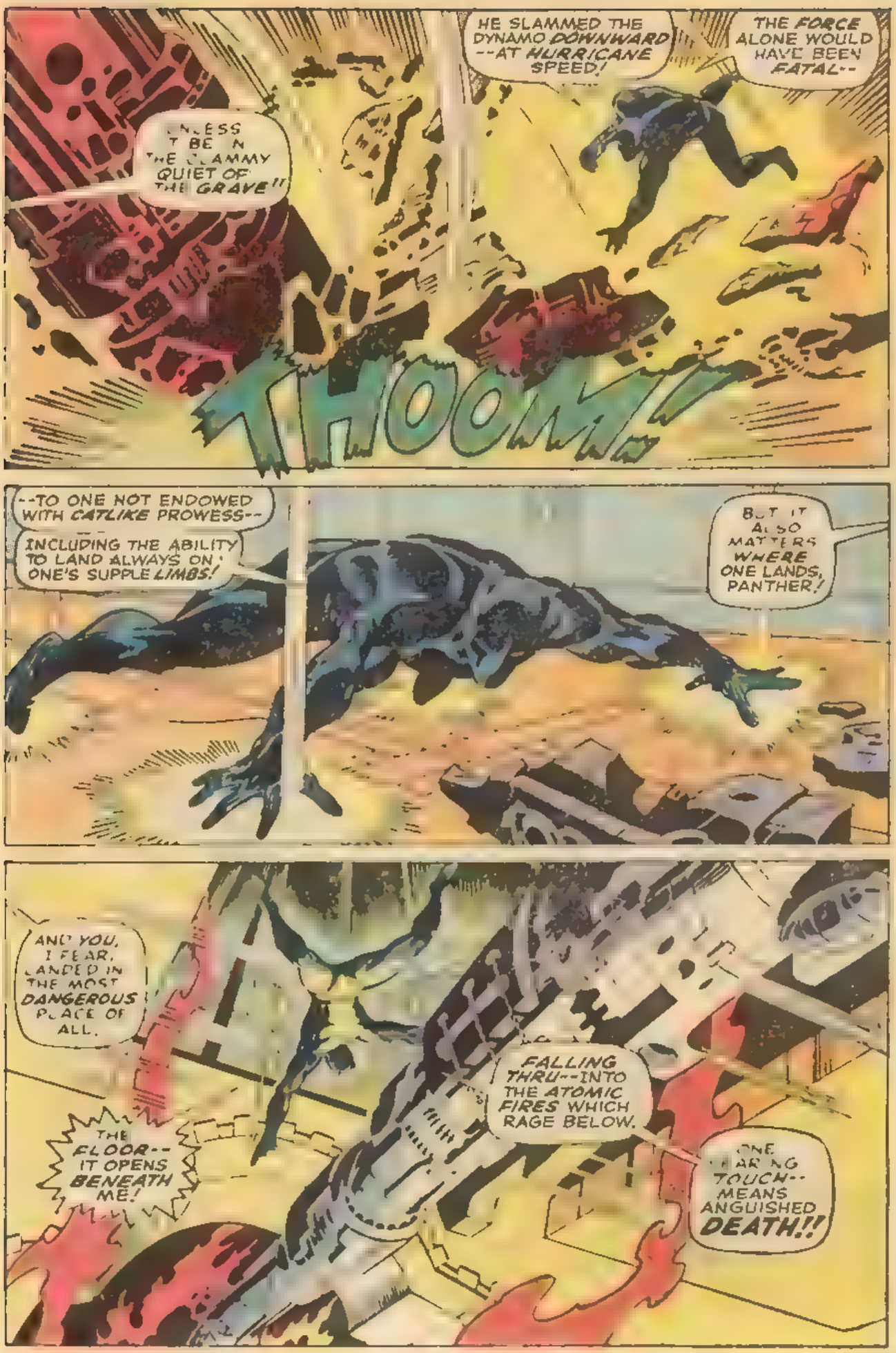
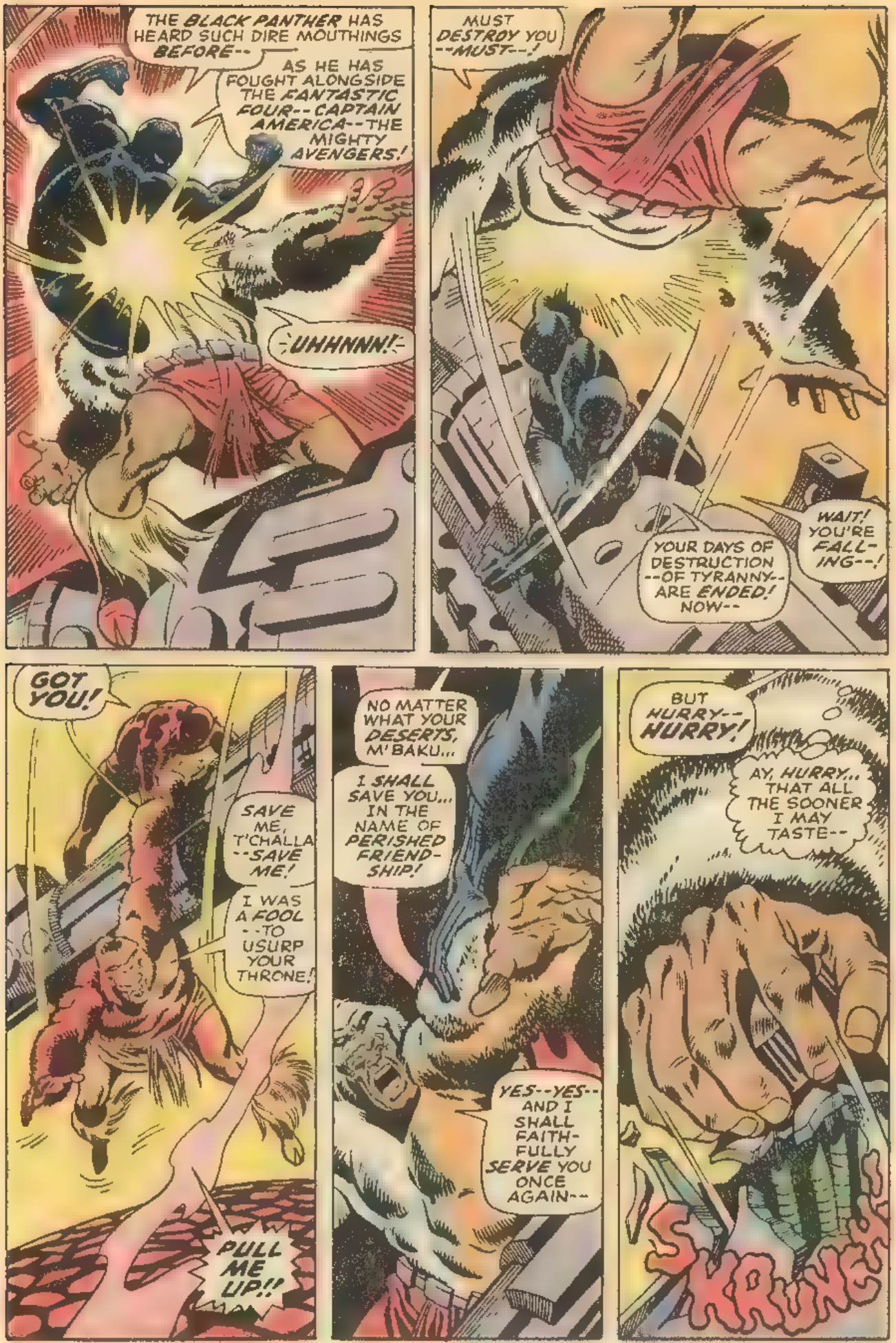

HE SLAMMED THE DYNAMO DOWNWARD --AT HURRICANE SPEED!
THE FORCE ALONE WOULD HAVE BEEN FATAL--
UNLESS I BE IN THE CLAMMY QUIET OF THE GRAVE!!
THOOM!
--TO ONE NOT ENDOWED WITH CATLIKE PROWESS--
INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO LAND ALWAYS ON ONE'S SUPPLE LIMBS!
BUT IT ALSO MATTERS WHERE ONE LANDS, PANTHER!
AND YOU, I FEAR, LANDED IN THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE OF ALL.
THE FLOOR-- IT OPENS BENEATH ME!
FALLING THRU--INTO THE ATOMIC FIRES WHICH RAGE BELOW.
ONE LAGGING TOUCH-- MEANS ANGUISHED DEATH!!

BROKE MY FALL-- MERE INCHES FROM A FIERY END!
YET, EVEN ONE INCH IS FAR ENOUGH--
--IF IT LEAVES THE BLACK PANTHER ALIVE TO FIGHT-- TO ENDURE--TO CONQUER!
BUT, WHICH WAY LIES THE PATH TO SAFETY?
AHEAD ROARS THE ATOMIC FURNACE-- MOLTEN, SEETHING!
WHILE, BEHIND ME--
--WAITS DOOM!!
M'BAKU!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WOULD NEVER TRUST THE NUCLEAR FLAMES TO DO YOUR HANDI-WORK!
IT PLEASES ME THAT YOU WERE SPARED THAT FORM OF DEATH, HAPLESS ONE--
--THAT I MYSELF MIGHT--
YEEOWWWR!
YOU NEED NOT FINISH YOUR SNARLING THREATS, MAN-APE...


THE BLACK PANTHER HAS HEARD SUCH DIRE MOUTHINGS BEFORE--
AS HE HAS FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THE FANTASTIC FOUR--CAPTAIN AMERICA--THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!
-UHHNNN!-
MUST DESTROY YOU --MUST--!
YOUR DAYS OF DESTRUCTION --OF TYRANNY-- ARE ENDED! NOW--
WAIT! YOU'RE FALL-ING--!
GOT YOU!
SAVE ME, T'CHALLA --SAVE ME!
I WAS A FOOL --TO USURP YOUR THRONE!
PULL ME UP!!
NO MATTER WHAT YOUR DESERTS, M'BAKU...
I SHALL SAVE YOU... IN THE NAME OF PERISHED FRIEND-SHIP!
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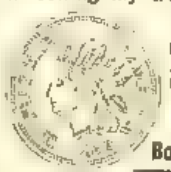

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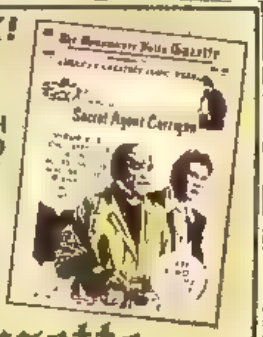

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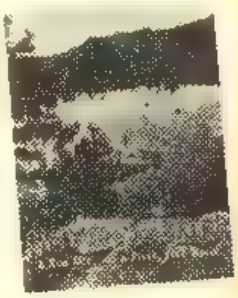

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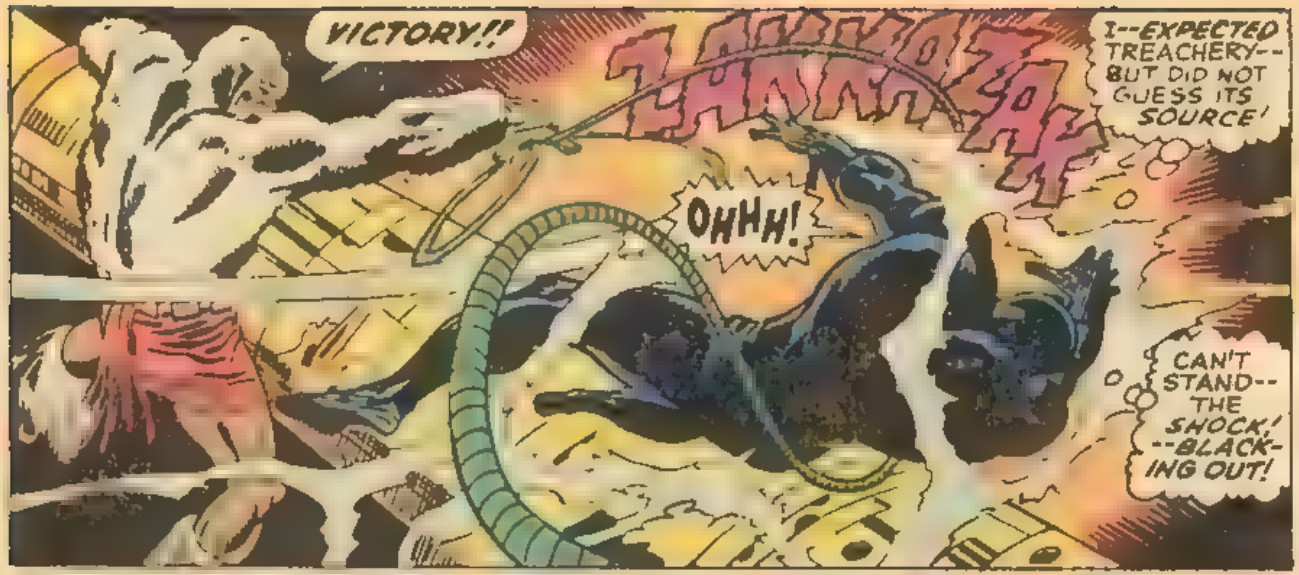
VICTORY!!
THANNNZAK
OHHH!
I--EXPECTED TREACHERY--BUT DID NOT GUESS ITS SOURCE!
CAN'T STAND--THE SHOCK!--BLACK-ING OUT!

OH NO, MY DEAR CHIEFTAIN
YOU SHALL NOT PLUMMET HEADLONG INTO INSTANT OBLIVION!
OTHERS MUST WITNESS YOUR DESTRUCTION--AND TREMBLE...
THAT NEVER-MORE SHALL ANY DARE TO CHALLENGE.. M'BAKU THE MAN-APE!

THUS, WHEN T'CHALLA'S CATLIKE EYES ONCE MORE PIERCE THE GLOOM, THEY BEHOLD--
YOUR VAUNTED PANTHER-IMAGE.. DECADENT SYMBOL OF YOUR WEAK-KNEED RULE!
SOON IT WILL TOPPLE UPON YOU...AND WITH ITS FALL...
DARKNESS RETURNS AGAIN TO THE PRIMEVAL JUNGLE!
PROVING NOTHING, MY FRIEND..
...EXCEPT THAT YOU ARE WORSE THAN A SAVAGE... YOU ARE A MADMAN!!

MAD, AM I?
COULD ANY MERE MADMAN DO THIS?
HE STRIKES THE BASE OF THE STATUE--WITH HIS FULL, INFIDEL POWER!
HOW LONG--BEFORE IT FALLS FORWARD--CRUSHES ME TO A PULP?

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, NOT FAR AWAY, OTHERS ARE ALSO AWAKENING...REMEMBERING A GLOATING HOST, AND A SIP OF TAINTED WINE...
THAT CRUMB M'BAKU--HE MUST HAVE DOUBLE-CROSSED THE PANTHER!
BUT, WHAT CAN WE DO--STRIPPED OF OUR WEAPONS!
YOU TWO MAY HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF ARROWS AND SWORD!
BUT, NO MAN MAY DEPRIVE THE VISION OF -
KRAAK!
THE POWER OF A MASSIVE BATTERING RAM!!
NOW, HURRY.. EACH SECOND MAY BE VITAL--!
MMFFF!
WHAT INSANITY IS THIS?
THE PANTHER STATUE TILTS...
BUT DOES NOT TOPPLE!
IT MUST FALL--IT MUST!
FOR, IN M'BAKU'S VEINS NOW FLOWS THE BLOOD OF THE UNHOLY WHITE GORILLA!
THE BLACK PANTHER MUST DIE--THAT THE DAY OF THE MAN-APE MAY BEGIN!
THE STATUE MUST FALL!!
WAIT!
THAT RUMBLING, CRACKING NOISE!
THE IDOL ISN'T FALLING--IT'S CRUMBLING..
CRUMBLING--
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..TOWARDS MEEeeeeeee
WE SAW, T'CHALLA!
THERE WAS NOTHIN' WE COULD DO!
I KNOW, MY FRIENDS.
FREE ME-- QUICKLY!
IT IS DONE.
BUT, WHY DID M'BAKU TRY TO DESTROY YOU...
...TO UNDO THE PROGRESS YOU'VE WROUGHT?
HE COULD DO NOTHING ELSE, MY FRIEND..
FOR, HE WAS A LIVING ANACHRONISM...STRANGE TO THE WAYS OF CIVILIZATION!
M'BAKU HAD EVER LIVED BY BRUTE STRENGTH ALONE!
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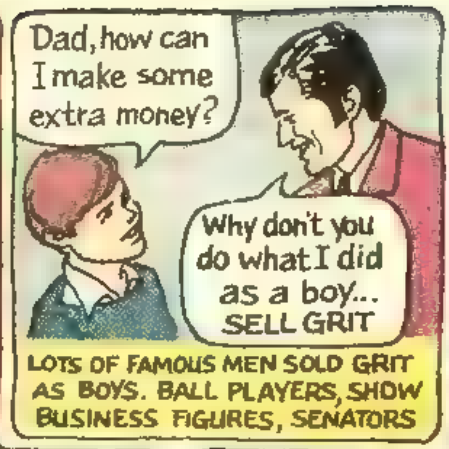

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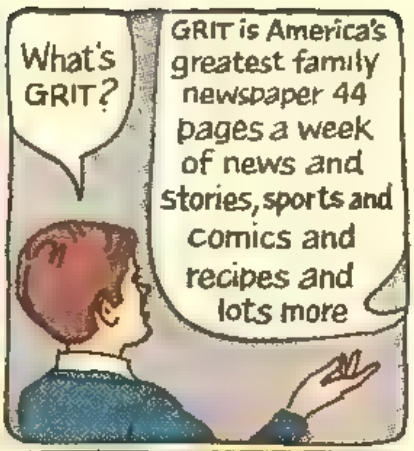
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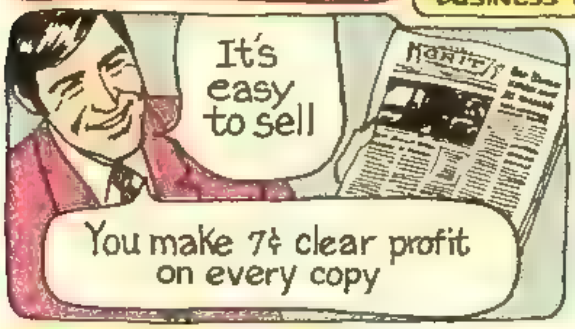

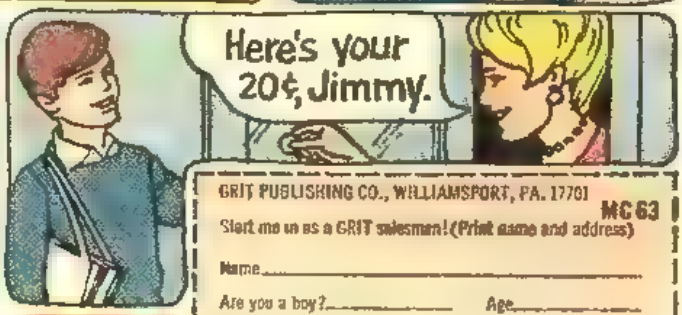

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ITEM! No, not quite. For, we just had to mention that, due to the multitude of letters we've gotten recently asking us, imploring us, *begging* us to let everybody know when one of our l ltin' landmarks is about to go on sale, we're hereby starting an ambitious new series of *ads* for our various new projects, special issues, or just plain extra-good issues of long-established mags! We're spacing the ads out, so you won't f nd each one in each and every title—but if you pick up a sizable handful of our masterworks each month, you can be certain you'll be kept abreast of just what mixed-up Marvel is up to! (At least, you'll know as much as we do—which isn't saying much!)

ITEM! By the time you read these perishable words, doubtless our offices at 575 Madison Avenue will be inundated with requests that we bring back our Mighty Marvel Checklist. Well, rest content, long-suffering one—for, already jaunty JIM STERANKO is hard at work on the first fantabulous issue of FOOM MAGAZINE, which you get when you join our nifty new fan-club—and it'll tell you just about everything you ever wanted to know about our upcoming mags, but were too choked-up to ask—plus a barrage of behind-the-scenes Bullpen info! Meanwhile, we'll keep using those juicy l.ttle squibs at the bottoms of our pages to clue you in on our latest issues.—Got all that? Okay, now type it out in approved outline form and ship it right off to us, willya? 'Cause right about now, we could *use* it!

ITEM! We're hard-pressed for room, but we just had to tell you about three *big changes* at Marvel that we think will mean a lot to you in days to come! First off, we've persuaded jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA to take on fulltime chores as our awesome Art Director—which means he'll be overseeing the interior art on all our mags, and likewise working closely with Rascally ROY THOMAS on ideas for our cavortin' covers! Also, we've cajoled mirthful MARIE SEVERIN into overseeing the coloring on all our stories—and the lady is known as one of the all-time great colorists in this whole nutty business! And, last but not least, Marvelous MARV WOLFMAN has stepped in as our newest and major Assistant Editor—to help Roy with proofreading and general kibitzing of the whole furshlugginer line! Welcome aboard, people—you've all got a tremendous challenge ahead of you, but then that's what life is all about, right? Right! (At least, that's what we *think* it said in the small print!)

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Dear Ralph,

Let me applaud your latest safari into spills, chills and ape-men, not to mention women. JUNGLE ACTION is in the tradition of such fine reprint magazines as "Fantasy Masterpieces." We are presented with variety, quality and most important, ancient material that the great majority of fandom has little knowledge of. I hope that the book is successful and I believe it will be.

The opening tale featuring Lorna, Queen of the Jungle, was rather appealing. She is an attractive figure as well as dynamic. She should become a winner again. Joe Maneely's Tharn the Magnificent was a strip that I had not seen before. It seems filled with prehistoric monsters, foreign governments, natives, jungle empires and the friendly district police. Maneely's dynamic art can only add to the success of the strip. Jann of the Jungle seems to be the least promising strip, but there was a plot and a man. With two heroines in JUNGLE ACTION you might find a large female readership. They might become as popular as The Black Widow, Wanda, and Paty.

I was extremely pleased with the inclusion of the feature called "The Unknown Jungle." During the 50's Atlas carried many such features in such magazines as SUB-MARINER and Red Warrior. They featured beautiful artwork and the most unique plots. They are a pleasure to read and I hope that you will continue this as part of the magazine.

The magazine needs little improvement besides a listing of scripter and artist. Many fans cannot identify the pencilling of Sale, Pike, Doxes, Reinman, or Sinnott, and often these draftsmen did not affix their signature. A discussion page featuring background, anecdotes and letters would be welcome.

JUNGLE ACTION may be a sleeper, but also a winner. And it seems that Marvel is getting a monopoly on those. Mumbo Jumbo!

TGK, Robert A. Gillis, 18 Bayberry Road
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And a big ol' "Ungawa!" right back atcha, Robert!

Obviously (we hope), you've got the letters page you asked for. And we are trying to provide art credits wherever possible. Unfortunately, no script credits on our vintage vine-entangled mini-classics are available.

Dear Stan and Jungle People,

I just finished reading JUNGLE ACTION #1 and I must say it didn't live up to my expectations—that is, I didn't expect much. Now that I've finished it, I can't wait for JA #2. Not only were the stories good but the art was excellent. If you plan on keeping Lorna, Tharn and Jann in every issue, how about telling us their origins.

There was only one thing I didn't like about JA #1. You didn't say who the writer and artist of the mag were.

Dave Fry, 12984 Wesley
Southgate, Mich.

P.S. What ever happened to the Iceman strip you hinted of in Bullpen Bulletins?

It just melted, we guess, Dave. At any rate, you'll be seeing more of Iceman—and all the X-Men—from time to time in various Marvel mags. Watch for 'em.

As for the origins of our jungle people, well, we've already given you Jann's origin story (in JUNGLE ACTION #2), but, apparently, Tharn and Lorna's origins were never told. Just think of them as characters who always were and ever shall be . . . ! (Kinda chokes you up, doesn't it?)

Dear Sirs,

I would like to tell you how much I enjoyed your issue of JUNGLE ACTION. It was a lot of fun and I've recommended it to my friends.

Of course, I liked Tharn, but I was especially glad to see that two of the three characters were girls.

I like the costumes you have for Lorna and Jann, Jann's especially, in red with yellow bands and earrings. But I notice that Tharn goes through the jungle without shoes while Jann has to wear those silly ballet shoes and Lorna looks even worse with sandals tied half way up her leg. I know that my friends and I like to go barefoot in hot weather and I think the jungle heroines could take it just as well and look more natural too. Also, I think the girls could be matched against tougher enemies than they have in past issues.

I hope you take up these suggestions, but please take this as a complimentary letter to keep up the good work.

Mary Ann Magruden
(No address given)

Thanks, Mary Ann, but as we've explained, the stories of Jann and Lorna first appeared back in the frantic 'fifties, so it's a bit late to ask them to shed their footgear. But we do publish a mag called SHANNA THE SHE-DEVIL about a jungle lady with just the "natural look" you crave. And if you like the idea of women in action, you'll also dig THE CLAWS OF THE CAT and DAREDEVIL's ravishing partner the BLACK WIDOW! 'Nuff said?

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